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Discussed with Ritchie, EXTAFF, substance DEPCIRTEL 930. Ritchie said that policy paper was being prepared for Cabinet on entire question overflights, addressed primarily to 3 considerations: (1) Soviet overflights, (2) three IL-18 overflight requests and (3)

From previous conversation with Green and today's discussion Ritchie, I believe GOC will decide to continue prohibition Soviet overflights. Secondly, they may decide to continue for time being search procedures Czech and Cubana planes but this policy will undergo erosion over time if removal US Naval quarantine continues and if Cuban situation reverts to pre-crisis status. Finally, believe GOC can be brought to establish policy that Cuban and Czech overflights should be limited to pre crisis frequencies (approximately 26 flights monthly). Although Cubana Airlines was informed yesterday there would be several days delay in making decision re three IL-18 overflights, assume permission will eventually be granted within limitations set forth above.

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